

Polio Vaccine May Be Available For All First, Second Graders

New York — Plans call for the Salk anti-polio vaccine to be made available to all of the nation's first and second grade school pupils if last summer's tests show the drug is effective. That announcement was made this week by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The University of Michigan is conducting evaluation of the tests and the report on the study is expected next spring.

Last Friday, Dr. Jonas Salk of Pittsburgh, the discoverer of the vaccine, said he has new evidence that his vaccine can create powerful, long-lasting protection against polio. He also said current experiments in the polio work might lead to the vaccines giving long-term protection and influenza.

Taken Off List

In its announcement yesterday, the foundation also said it had removed pregnant women from its original list of those scheduled to receive the vaccine.

The removal was recommended by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers which urged that second graders replace pregnant women because of a higher attack rate among children in that age group.

The health officers also agreed to administer the vaccine if the foundation provided it, the

foundation said.

Last October the foundation made plans to purchase enough of the Salk vaccine to inoculate nine million persons. Waiting until spring for the University of Michigan report would make it too late to purchase the vaccine and make preparation for its distribution next summer, the group explained.

Those Included

The original list of those to be inoculated included all first grade pupils in public, private and parochial schools; all children in 217 areas who took part in last summer's tests but were declared "controls" and did not actually receive the vaccine (some 1,390,000 children); and an estimated 4,275,000 women who would be pregnant between April 1 and September 30, 1955.)

The foundation added, however, that if the vaccine proves effective commercial supplies would be available for pregnant women next summer.

Vaccination plans for next summer also include last year's second and third graders in the test areas who acted as "controls" and are now in the third and fourth grades.

Last year's first graders who were not inoculated will automatically receive the vaccine by the addition of the second grade pupils to the foundation list.

State Recreation Commission Urged

Portland—(U.P.)—A governor's committee on recreation recommended yesterday that Oregon have a state recreation commission.

Samuel H. Smith, assistant superintendent of the MacLaren school for boys, told legislators from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties that such a commission would be a clearing house for any agency or political subdivision. "Too many school houses and recreation buildings are sitting idle," he said. Coordinated planning could alleviate this, Smith added.

United States Signs Philippines Treaty

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States and the Philippines signed a new trade agreement today designed to help the young republic build a stronger and independent economy.

The agreement, subject to congressional approval extends until 1974 preferential treatment for Philippine exports to the United States. The new tariff schedule allows the Philippines to apply duties on United States goods at a rate up to five times that of U.S. duties on Filipino goods.



REMOVING COVERING FROM PLAQUE, Alfred Felker, Jr., Marysville, Cal., aids in dedication at Fort Eustis, Va., of world's first airport designed for helicopters. It was named after dad's father, Warrant Officer Alfred Felker, who died in helicopter crash near Winterville, Ga., in Feb., 1953. (International)

4 New Tree Farms To Be Dedicated

Four Jackson county residents will accept tree farm certificates at a meeting here Friday evening. The ceremony will bring to some 200,000 acres the total area now certified as tree farms in the county.

The certificates will be presented at a dinner meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association at the Jackson hotel's Pioneer room starting at 7:30 p.m.

The four men who will accept certificates are B. L. Nuttins, manager of the Medford corporation; William Schmidt, who operates "Little Switzerland" in the hills east of Medford; J. W. Fitzgerald, a rancher, and Albert Straus, president of the Sams Valley Irrigation association.

The four tree farms are the Medco Tree Farm, largest of the group and including some 80,000 acres, the Oregon Switzerland Tree Farm, the 3-B Tree

Farm and the SVIA Tree Farm. The latter two received certificates as tree farms from the Industrial Forestry association at the recent convention of Soil Conservation districts in Medford, and Friday will receive certificates from the Western Pine association. The other two farms will receive certificates from both organizations.

Presenting the certificates will be U. R. Armstrong, president of the Western Pine association, and Floyd Hart, vice-chairman of the Industrial Forestry association.

Glenn Hunter, president of SOCTFA, will preside, and Jimmy Dunlevy, manager of KYJC, will be toastmaster.

Tree Farms Described
A tree farm is an area of privately owned forest land devoted primarily to the continuous growth and production of merchantable forest products under good forest practices. The owners must agree to keep it in forest production, to protect the area from fire, insects, diseases and other hazards, and to harvest timber crops from the area in a manner to assure future crops.

The tree farm system, while relatively new in the lumber industry, is nation wide, and is sponsored and directed by the American Forest Products Industries, The Western Pine and Industrial Forestry associations are the two certifying agencies in this area.

Total of Nine
The four new tree farms will bring to a total of nine the number of tree farms in Jackson county. The others are operated by Elk Lumber company, Fir Milling and Planing company, Kogap Lumber Sales, Inc., McGrew Brothers, and Timber Products company.

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